

PEER COUNSELING TRAINING

DSHS Mental Health Division

2009

The Mental Health Division is accepting applications to attend Peer Counseling Training for 2009. You must be a consumer to qualify for this training and certification. Applicants should desire to seek employment in the public Mental Health System as a certified Peer Counselor after completion of the program.

Dates of Training for 2009

March 23 - 27 (Tacoma)

July 20 - 24 (Yakima)

August 31- September 4 (Tacoma)

Individual applying must be in mental health recovery for a period of one year. A signed and dated application and application questions should be submitted to:

**Bonnie Staples
DSHS Mental health Division
PO Box 45320
Olympia, Washington 98530-5320**

Application accepted for training are prioritized in the following order:

- Individuals employed by a licensed community mental health agency or their subcontractor(s);
- Individuals from an RSN with low numbers of certified Peer Counselors;
- Individuals currently volunteering in a licensed community mental health agency or their subcontractor(s), or in the public mental health field;
- All other applicants based on date the application was received.

*For the **Yakima training**, applicants from east of the mountains will be given priority.*

Following successful completion of the training and examination individuals will be required to register with the Department of Health as a Registered Counselor before Peer Counseling Certification is issued by the Mental Health Division.

Please Contact **Bonnie Staples at 1-888-713-6010 or 360-902-0794** for an application or further information. An application can also be found at www1.dshs.wa.gov/mentalhealth